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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 20 AUGUST 1957  
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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. Place-of-Employment Questions Posed by Schools

Agency Notice 10-100-5, 17 April 1956, covers Agency policy on this subject. Division Chiefs will bring the notice to the attention of their personnel and provide certification of this to Ch/G.

2. Security Reindoctrination Program

Agency Notice 10-100-9 describes this program. ORR personnel will be notified by St/A when they are to attend.

3. Memoranda of Conversation

Agency Regulation R5-400 specifies that memoranda will be made of conversations with outside personnel which may determine or affect policies of this Agency. Division Chiefs will reacquaint themselves and their personnel with the regulation and the procedures it requires.

4. July Monthly Report

The group discussed problems and recommendations contained in the monthly reports of the various divisions for July, as follows:

a. BGN Policy on Names -- This handicaps the preparation of some maps. Chief, Cartography Division will again look into the matter.

b. Terrain Rendering -- The Chapter I load leaves little of this capability for application to other projects. The problem lies in relative priorities and the limited availability of trained personnel. Chief/G instructed that capabilities in this field should be increased to the greatest degree possible.

c. Relations with the Geographer, State Department -- This was settled in a meeting with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

d. Overlong retention of Documents by the Economic Area -- Each case should be taken up with St/I as it develops. Due to the expansion of Economic Area interests into areas of Soviet penetration the situation can worsen unless there is continuing action taken.

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e. Expanded Contribution to Economic Area Programs for FY 1958 -- While desirable, this is not possible given available D/GG manpower. The question also involves the unresolved problem of schisms between disciplines.

f. Tours of Duty in DD/P and OTR -- Interest in these has been expressed in several career preference outlines. Chief, Geography Division is following through on a plan of training to accomplish the goal of DD/P tours. Other divisions may also have an interest.

g. Revision of Career Preference Outline Form -- A suggestion was made to enlarge the form to allow more room for discussion of an individual's long-range career plan. The group determined that such a need would arise only occasionally and deemed no action was necessary.

h. Availability of Aircraft Flight to Former PI Students -- Will be scheduled as and when aircraft available.

i. Problem of Agency Channels Followed by Army Chapter VII Contribution -- Chief, Geography Division will settle this.

j. Increase in AMS Boundary Requirements for Latin America -- A forthcoming "G" report may answer most of these requirements. Others should be diverted to [REDACTED] unless of a spot variety.

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5. Candidates for Service Schools

The group discussed a list of 7 external schools for which the Area must submit one candidate each. Each division will submit nominations to Chief, Geographic Research, by 28 August 1957.

6. Ready-Reserve Listing

The group discussed and approved a recent proposal for preparation of a new ready-reserve listing by the Area. It was determined that the listing should cover potential recruits who already are employed by the government as well as those who are non-government.

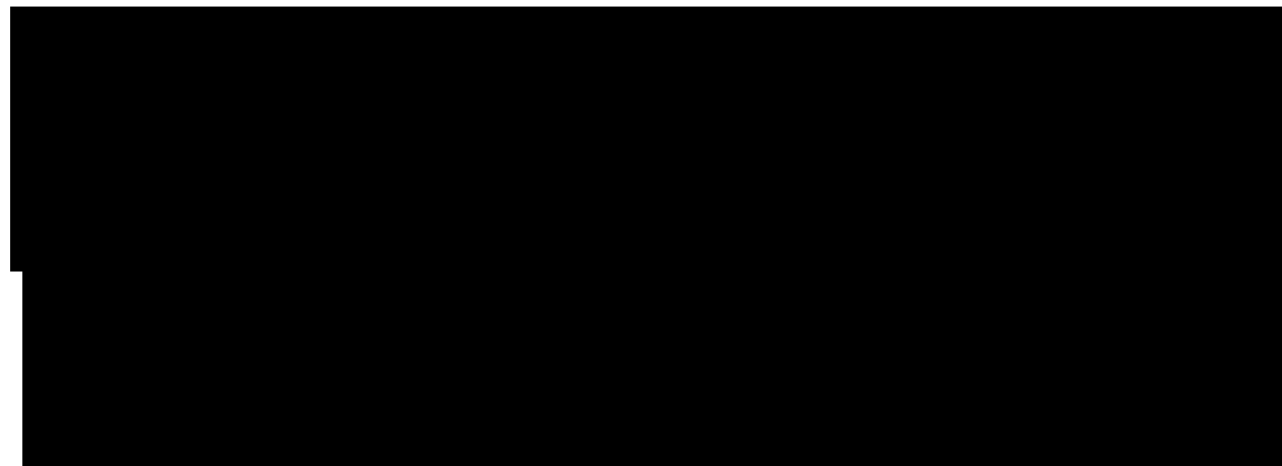
7. Area Orientation Program

The group discussed and approved a proposal for the establishment of an Area Orientation Program. It was decided that briefings to be given under the program by each division would take place twice a year, commencing in October.

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10. Project Submissions

D/GC will cease its bi-weekly project submissions on the ground that they are duplicatory of the monthly report.

11. Revision of Monthly Report

The group discussed the undue length and complexity of the monthly report and agreed that simplification was possible. Division Chiefs will conduct a review of the reports for their divisions and report back for further discussion at next Area staff meeting.

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The group discussed the feasibility of training in lip reading  
for [REDACTED]. The matter will be discussed further.

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